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SUBJECT: POLISH VIEWS ON LOS NEGOTIATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 085109, (B) STATE 084997

1, ON APRIL 13, I GAVE A COPY OF THE SECRETARY'S APRIL 8 SPEECH ON LOS TO VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TREPCZYNSKI AND DISCUSSED WITH HIM THE TALKING POINTS CONTAINED IN REF A. THE VICE MINISTER SAID THAT THE CONFERENCE IS MOVING VERY SLOWLY, BUT HE HOPED THAT SOME PROGRESS COULD BE ACHIEVED AT NEW YORK EITHER IN THE FORM OF AMENDMENTS TO THE EXISTING SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT OR IN A REVISION OF THE TEXT ITSELF. IN GENERAL, OUR TWO COUNTRIES, CONTINUE TO BE IN AGREEMENT ON ALL MAJOR ISSUES UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THE LOS CONFERENCE, HE FOUND THE U.S. PROPOSALS ON THE SEABED REGIME VERY INTERESTING, AND HE NOTED THAT POLAND HAS ALWAYS INSISTED ON SOME FORM OF COMPULSORY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. HE WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED TO HEAR THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD LEAD THE U.S. DELEGATION IF ANOTHER SESSION BE HELD THIS YEAR.

2, THE VICE MINISTER SAID THAT THE MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN U.S. AND POLISH POSITIONS AT THE CONFERENCE WAS ONE OF EMPHASIS. REPORTS FROM THE POLISH DELEGATION INDICATE THAT THE SUBJECT OF FISHERIES IS NOT RECEIVING THE PRIORITY THE POLES HOPED IT WOULD. TREPCZYNSKI SAID THAT THE POLES WOULD LIKE TO GET LANGUAGE INTO THE AGREEMENT THAT WOULD PROTECT POLAND'S INTERESTS AS A DISTANT-WATERS-FISHERIES STATE BY ACKNOWLEDGING POLAND'S RIGHTS TO FISH IN THE ECONOMIC ZONES OF OTHER STATES IN ITS REGION, NOT JUST IN THE ECONOMIC ZONES OF NEIGHBORING STATES AS SOME COUNTRIES HAVE PROPOSED, SUCH FISHING RIGHTS WOULD STILL BE DEPENDENT UPON THE CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE STATES DIRECTLY INVOLVED. HE THOUGHT THAT SPECIAL FORMULATIONS MIGHT BE NECESSARY FOR

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3. FOR USUS NEW YORK: ACTION REQUESTED: THE VICE
 MINISTER WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON APRIL 22. HE WOULD
 LIKE TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR LEARSON SOON AFTER HIS
 ARRIVAL TO DISCUSS THE TREATMENT OF FISHERIES IN THE
 LOS AGREEMENT. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHETHER SUCH A MEETING
 CAN BE ARRANGED. DAVIES

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